

responsibility for taking back their country from the insurgents and taking the risks and making the compromises necessary to chart their own destiny.

Finally, while I was surprised by the high level of optimism about the August 15 date being met for agreement on a draft Iraqi constitution, I was given a sobering assessment about the current and future strength of the insurgency.

Even if the timetable for adopting a constitution is met, and even if a plan is agreed upon for phasing in capable Iraqi military forces to take over responsibility for security so U.S. forces in Iraq can simultaneously be reduced, there is still great uncertainty that the insurgency will be eliminated or lessened in the near term.

But, while taking those steps doesn't guarantee success, they could help change the dynamic in Iraq and provide the only way a poorly thought through and mistake ridden U.S. policy in Iraq can still reach a successful conclusion.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN H. JOHNSON

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a renowned publisher, entrepreneur, businessman, humanitarian and an outstanding Arkansan, Mr. John Harold Johnson.

John H. Johnson, a native of Arkansas City, AR, was born on January 19, 1918, to Leroy and Gertrude Johnson. Over 60 years ago, John H. Johnson founded and became owner of the largest black-owned publishing company in the world, Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., located in Chicago, IL. From this company, the Negro Digest, Ebony, Jet and other magazines and periodicals were created. Ebony and Jet magazines enabled Johnson to have an impact on Civil Rights in America, Entertainment, Sports and the Nation's culture as a whole. These two magazines continue to successfully reflect and comment on the African-American experience. Johnson has also enjoyed success in the cosmetic industry with the establishment of Fashion Fair Cosmetics.

In 1999, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and Arkansas City, AR, formed an alliance for the creation of the John H. Johnson Delta Cultural and Entrepreneurial Learning Center. The Cultural and Entrepreneurial Learning Center will provide accommodations in Arkansas City for classroom and educational activities that originate at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

On Saturday, May 21, 2005, the John H. Johnson Cultural and Education Museum was dedicated in Johnson's hometown. Using materials from the original, the museum was constructed as a replica of Johnson's boyhood home. It will now provide valuable insight into his life and origin while bringing tourism dollars to his native home of Arkansas City and the surrounding area. His life is an inspirational American story where, rising from poverty with a strong sense of self, he overcame adversity and became one of the country's most successful entrepreneurs. I am grateful to have

been a part of this magnificent event and honored to have Mr. John H. Johnson at the top of the list of notable Arkansans and Americans. ●

IBM BOULDER'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask that this letter be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, June 30, 2005.

IBM BOULDER,
Diagonal Highway,
Boulder, CO.

DEAR FRIENDS, It is with great pleasure that I am able to share in your celebration of IBM Boulder's 40th Anniversary here at this majestic site next to the Rocky Mountains. IBM's commitment to this facility, and to the region, serves as a testament to its central role in the development of the technology industry here in Colorado.

When IBM Boulder was founded in 1965, this region was still mostly agricultural. By choosing to locate amongst undisturbed open space and farmland, IBM demonstrated a bold vision for the symbiotic potential of the technology industry with the natural beauty of our State. I also respect and admire how the workers at this facility have survived the ebb and flow of the industry over the past 40 years. They have shifted from manufacturing computer parts in the early years to housing and supporting 20 different IBM divisions that now develop printing systems, design engineering, software and global services. And IBM's commitment to the community through the annual Employee Charitable Contribution Campaign has left a lasting mark on local health and human service agencies that sets a tone for others to emulate.

Thank you for the honor of joining in your anniversary celebration. As your newest United States Senator, I am proud of the rich economic diversity of our State. You should be proud of your significant contributions to the region and to Colorado.

Sincerely,

KEN SALAZAR,
U.S. Senator.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 168. Concurrent resolution condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 168. Concurrent resolution condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1374. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a border preparedness pilot program on Indian land.

S. 1375. A bill to amend the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 to modify provisions relating to criminal proceedings and civil actions, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1382. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of certain land, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Indian tribe.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2899. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation "To authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, and exploration; space flight capabilities; and Inspector General, and for other purposes" received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2900. A communication from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Federal Assistance for Interjurisdictional and Anadromous Fisheries Program Report 2003-2004"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2901. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Science, Service, and Stewardship in Chesapeake Bay: A Biennial Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2902. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Director, NIST, the designation of an Acting Director, and the name of a nominee to fill the vacancy; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2903. A communication from the Acting White House Liaison, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant